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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIALS MUELLER (UN AFFAIRS) AND LANGER (FOREIGN INVESTMENT) TO DISCUSS REFTEL ON CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR OF MNC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER. CITING EMINENT PERSONS MNC STUDY AS EXAMPLE OF SOMAVIA'S LACK OF OBJECTIVITY EMBOFF MADE POINTS OF REFTEL, EMPHASIZING OUR OPPOSITION TO SOMAVIA HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FACT HE FROM CHILE.

2. MUELLER STATED THAT HIS MINISTRY WAS IN THE MIDST OF DISCUSSING MATTER AND HAD NOT YET FORMULATED ANY OPINION ON WHO MIGHT MAKE SUITABLE CANDIDATE. HE ASSURED US THAT GERMANS ALSO WERE NOT PLEASED AT SOMAVIA'S CANDIDACY AND REGRETTED THAT DE SEYNES HAD DECLINED POST. MUELLER EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT DE SEYNES HAD NOT ACCEPTED POST BECAUSE IT WAS TOO LOW PAID, AND THAT COULD THE STATURE OF THE POST BE RAISED, PERHAPS TO THAT OF ASSTSEC, MORE

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS COULD BE ATTRACTED TO IT, INCLUDING DE SEYNES.

3. REVIEWING REFTEL LIST OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATE CANDIDATES MUELLER AND LANGER HAD NO VIEWS ON ANY OF THEM. THEY FELT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER SHOULD COME FROM A COUNTRY WITH SOME EXPERIENCE WITH MNCS IN WHICH CASE THE CANADIAN MIGHT BE SUITABLE. IT MAY BE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GERMANS WILL WANT TO PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE OF THEIR OWN IN WHICH CASE THEY HOPED THEY COULD COUNT ON US SUPPORT.

4. BOTH OFFICIALS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED AS DELIBERATIONS PROCEEDED BUT IN ANY CASE WE COULD COUNT ON GERMAN OPPOSITION TO SOMAVIA'S CANDIDACY. MUELLER EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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ON HOW EFFECTIVE ANY WESTERN COUNTRY'S OPPOSITION WOULD BE SINCE THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE NAMED BY THE SECGEN WHO WAS MOST SENSITIVE TO THE VIEWS OF THE BLOC OF LDCS IN THE UN.
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